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SUBJ: ISRAELI INTEREST IN CEAUSESCU VISIT

1. ISRAELI MINISTER-COUNSELOR SHAMRON AND COUNSELOR
TOURGEMAN CALLED ON EUR DEP.ASST.SEC. ARMITAGE DEC 18
AND DISCUSSED RECENT VISIT OF CEAUSESCU TO US.

2. RESPONDING TO SHAMRON'S QUESTION, ARMITAGE SAID
CEAUSESCU HAD GOTTEN MESSAGE OF US CONCERN OVER JEWISH
EMIGRATION PROBLEM,
AT A BREAKFAST WITH SENATORS JACKSON AND RIBICOFF.
DURING VISIT HE HAD ALSO BROUGHT UP DIVIDED FAMILY
PROBLEM AND ARMITAGE HAD SPOKEN WITH AMB. BOGDAN DEC 18
ON SAME TOPIC. ROMANIAN POSITION WAS A TOUGH ONE.
QUESTION WAS NOT ROMANIAN UNDERSTANDING OF US CONCERN,
BUT ROMANIAN INTENT TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO SATISFY
BOTH THIS CONCERN AND TERMS OF CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION.
AT MOMENT, SAID ARMITAGE, WE DOUBT ROMANIAN PRACTICE
WOULD CONFORM TO PROPOSED LEGISLATION. ROMANIANS SEEM
CONFIDENT THAT SEPARATE MFN LEGISLATION COULD BE PASSED
FOR THEM, BUT THERE IS NO MOVEMENT TOWARD THIS NOW AND
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WE ARE SEEKING TO OBTAIN GENERAL LEGISLATION COVERING

ALL COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. JOINT DECLARATION SIGNED DURING
VISIT DID INCLUDE REFERENCE TO RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS OF
A HUMANITARIAN NATURE. THIS WILL PROVIDE A POINT OF
REFERENCE FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION. RUSH

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